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SUBJ: LABOR DISPUTE AT HILTON HOTEL

REF: A. ISTANBUL 2662; B. ISTANBUL 2675

1. HILTON INTERNATIONAL (HI) OFFICIALS REPORTED MORNING OF AUG 20 THAT LABOR PROBLEM (REF A) IS SUBSTANTIALLY SETTLED, FOLLOWING UNEXPECTED DIFFICULTIES WITH OLEY IS UNION AUG 19. HI OFFICIALS NOTED THAT FOLLOWING SHOOTING INCIDENT AT SCENE OF STRIKE AGAINST BEREK BATTERY FACTORY (REF B), THEY RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALLS FROM MILITARY PENSION FUND (WHICH LEASES HOTEL TO HI), FINMIN AND PRIMIN'S PRESS SECRETARY URGING PROMPT SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTE.

2. OLEY IS WMYKERSWH WHO HAD THREATENED TO STRIKENTHEN DISK (REVOLUTIONARY TRADE CONFEDERATION) AFFILIATED TQLIZM IS WORKERS RETURNED TO WORK MONRING OF AUG 19, CUT POWER TO HOTEL FOR APPROXIMATELY

22 HOURS. HI, WITH COOPERATION FROM ZIYA HEPBIR, ISTANBUL REGIONAL REP. OF TURK IS, REACHED COMPROMISE ON OLEY IS DEMANDS LATE EVZKONG AUG 19. POWER RESTORED AS OF 0600 AUG 20 AND HOTEL OPERATIONS AP-

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3. HILTON MGR VAN DER VLIET, WHO HAD TENDERED RESIGNATION AUG 16, HAS RESUMED POST, AND HI OFFICIALS PLAN TO DEPART TURKEY AUG 20.

4. FOREGOING HAS PROMPTED HI TO REVIEW ITS INTENTION OF MANAGING HOTEL FOR AN ADDITIONAL 20-YEAR PERIOD WHEN PRESENT MANAGEMENT CONTRACT EXPIRES DEC 31. HI OFFICIALS SAPX NEW CONTRACT HAS BEEN SIGNED BY HI UHD PENSION FUND, BUT NOT YET RATIFIED BY FINMIN.

5. COMMENT: TENSION REMAINS BETWEEN MEMBERS OF TWO RIVAL UNIONS WHICH ARE LIKELY TO INTENSIFY THEIR EFFORTS TO GAIN EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATION BY DEC. 1975 WHEN CURRENT LABOR CONTRACT WITH OLEY EXPIRES. SETTLEMENT OF THIS DISPUTE, HOWEVER, HAS REMOVED, FOR TIME BEING AT LEAST, ONE POTENTIAL SITE FOR VIOLENT CONFRONTATION BETWEEN DI C AND TURK IS, WHOSE RIVALRY HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY AGGRESSIVE.

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